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SLBJECT: SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH - KOREA SECTION

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1. HERE IS THE REVISED KOREA SECTION. PHIL HABIB HAS SEEN  
AND APPROVED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH

KOREA REMAINS A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

THE VITAL INTERESTS OF FOUR WORLD POWERS INTERSECT IN KOREA.

ALL SHARE AN INTEREST IN PREVENTING A RECURRENCE OF WAR.

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IF PEACE IS TO BE PRESERVED, THE NATIONS CONCERNED MUST

COOPERATE TO EASE TENSIONS AND MOVE TOWARD SERIOUS  
NEGOTIATIONS.

3. MEMBERS OF THIS ASSEMBLY HAVE AGREED TO AVOID A CON-  
TENTIOUS AND STERILE DEBATE ON KOREA THIS FALL. WE  
WELCOME THIS STEP. THE BASIC PROBLEM, HOWEVER, REMAINS.

4. THE CENTRAL ISSUE IS: HOW CAN THE KOREAN PEOPLE  
DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE WITHOUT A RENEWAL OF ARMED CON-  
FLICT?

5. NORTH KOREA HAS SET FORTH ITS VIEW IN A VARIETY OF  
INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. IT HAS PROPOSED THAT THE ISSUES OF  
PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE PENINSULA BE DISCUSSED IN  
BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT CALLS FOR  
UNCONDITIONAL DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND,  
WHICH IS A SIGNATORY TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, WHILE  
REFUSING TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE  
MAINTAINED, AND RESISTING ANY REALISTIC FORUM FOR NEGOTI-  
ATING ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. IT HAS REFUSED TO DEAL  
MEANINGFULLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
WHICH REPRESENTS TWO-THIRDS OF THE KOREAN POPULATION.

6. OUR VIEWS ON THE KOREA PROBLEM ARE WELL KNOWN. WE  
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HAVE CALLED FOR A RESUMPTION OF A SERIOUS SOUTH-NORTH  
DIALOGUE. WE HAVE URGED WIDER NEGOTIATIONS TO PROMOTE  
SECURITY AND REDUCE TENSIONS. WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE  
THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND DISSOLVED SO LONG AS THE

ARMISTICE AGREEMENT -- WHICH IS THE ONLY EXISTING LEGAL  
ARRANGEMENT COMMITTING THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO KEEP THE  
PEACE -- IS EITHER PRESERVED OR REPLACED WITH MORE  
DURABLE ARRANGEMENTS. WE ARE WILLING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS  
WITH NORTH KOREA, PROVIDED THAT ITS ALLIES ARE READY TO  
TAKE SIMILAR STEPS TOWARD THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

7. LAST FALL WE PROPOSED A CONFERENCE INCLUDING ALL THE  
PARTIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED -- NORTH AND SOUTH  
KOREA, THE UNITED STATES, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA -- TO DISCUSS WAYS OF PRESERVING THE ARMISTICE  
AGREEMENT AND ATTENUATING NORTH-SOUTH CONFLICT. ON  
JULY 22, I AFFIRMED OUR READINESS TO MEET IMMEDIATELY  
WITH THESE PARTIES TO CONSIDER THE APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR  
A CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ADAPTING THE ARMISTICE OR  
REPLACING IT WITH MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS.

8. WE ARE FLEXIBLE ABOUT HOW TO GET THIS PROCESS UNDER  
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WAY. IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PROGRESS THE UNITED  
STATES HEREBY PROPOSES THAT THERE BE PRELIMINARY TALKS,  
INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS ON THE VENUE AND SCOPE OF THE  
CONFERENCE, BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA, WITH THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA PARTICI-  
PATING IN THIS PHASE AS OBSERVERS. IF SUCH DISCUSSIONS  
YIELD CONCRETE RESULTS, THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA COULD  
THEN JOIN THE DISCUSSIONS FORMALLY OR THE STAGE COULD BE

SET FOR A WIDER CONFERENCE. THIS LATTER STEP COULD ALLOW  
OTHER COUNTRIES WITH A STAKE IN KOREA TO BE ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE MORE DURABLE ARRANGEMENTS DESIGNED TO GUARANTEE  
PEACE ON THE PENINSULA.

9. WHAT IS REQUIRED AT THIS POINT IS THE INITIATION OF  
SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, ABOVE ALL, BETWEEN SOUTH AND  
NORTH KOREA. THEY ALONE CAN DECIDE THE ULTIMATE  
CHARACTER OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP. THEY MUST BEAR THE  
PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF THE  
PENINSULA. OUR PROPOSALS FOR INITIATING DISCUSSIONS ARE  
CONSISTENT WITH THIS PRINCIPLE, AND THEY OFFER A PROCESS  
FOR PRODUCING DISCUSSIONS TO EXPLORE MEANS OF IMPROVING  
THE EXISTING SITUATION. THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
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REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARE READY TO BEGIN THIS PROCESS. WE  
URGE NORTH KOREA TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY. END TEXT.

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